

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
BRANDON SORENSEN,  
Defendant.

Case No. CR21-043-RSL

ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION FOR EARLY  
TERMINATION OF  
SUPERVISED RELEASE

This matter comes before the Court on defendant Brandon Sorenson's "Motion for Early Termination of Supervised Release" (Dkt. # 5).

On November 19, 2018, defendant pleaded guilty to being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). Dkt. # 2-1. On April 11, 2019, the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana sentenced defendant to 33 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release. Id. Defendant began his term of supervision on January 15, 2021. Dkt. # 1. This Court accepted jurisdiction over defendant on March 15, 2021. Id.

Defendant moves the Court to terminate his supervised release. U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services concurs in this request, stating that defendant “has derived the maximum benefit from supervision and does not appear presently [to] pose a risk to the community.” Dkt. # 6 at 2.

The Court may “after considering the factors set forth in [18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)] . . . terminate a term of supervised release and discharge the defendant released at any time after the expiration of one year of supervised release . . . if it is satisfied that such action is warranted by ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR EARLY TERMINATION OF SUPERVISED RELEASE - 1

1 the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice.” 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e). The  
2 Court enjoys “discretion to consider a wide range of circumstances when determining whether  
3 to grant early termination.” United States v. Emmett, 749 F.3d 817, 819 (9th Cir. 2014) (citing  
4 United States v. Pregent, 190 F.3d 279, 283 (4th Cir. 1999)).

5 The Court has considered the applicable factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and  
6 concludes that termination of defendant’s term of supervised release is appropriate. Defendant  
7 appears to be a low risk to the community. While on supervised release he has complied with  
8 the conditions set by the Court, obtained steady employment, developed a prosocial peer group,  
9 completed a substance use disorder program, and remained sober. The Court was pleased to  
10 learn that defendant chose to voluntarily attend substance abuse treatment meetings after he was  
11 no longer required to do so. The Court encourages him to maintain this dual commitment to his  
12 sobriety and to serving as a positive role model for his son. Termination of defendant’s term of  
13 supervised release is therefore warranted by defendant’s conduct and the interest of justice. See  
14 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(1). The Court wishes defendant and his fiancée a long and happy marriage.

15 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendant’s request for early termination  
16 of supervised release (Dkt. # 5) is GRANTED.

17 DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.  
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22 United States District Judge  
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